

## **MINUTES OF THE UNIFIED ARIZONA VETERANS MEETING – OCTOBER 4, 2008**

**Call to Order:** The regular business meeting of the Unified Arizona Veterans was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Gary Fredricks with proper ceremonies. The roll was called and a quorum established for conducting business. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written by a motion from Dick Collis, seconded by Bernard Kaplan, motion carried.

**Communications and Correspondence:** Thank you note from the Family of the late Charlie Gallagher, employee of the National Memorial Cemetery on Cave Creek Road.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report due to Donna Adams' illness.

**Sickness and Distress:** Chaplain Bohach

Donna Adams is recovering from a stroke. George Cushing is recovering from surgery.

### **REPORTS**

**1. UAV Board of Directors meeting held 10/4/08, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

**Oct. 24 Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2008 Induction Ceremony –** The Governor has approved the 20 inductees of the Class of 2008. Over 450 reservations at this time. Reservations can be made online at: [www.avhof.org](http://www.avhof.org) or phone Jesse Gersten at 480.802.0007.

The due date for Nominations for the Class of 2009 will be 4/30/09, vice 5/31/09, please take note of this. The 4/30/09 due date will start the process earlier and hopefully result in earlier final approval of the inductees.

**UAV Bylaws –** Per the UAV Bylaws, dues for the calendar year are due July 1<sup>st</sup> to be paid on or before the September meeting. Chairman Fredricks recommended that notices be issued on May 1<sup>st</sup> so that dues can be paid in June prior to the summer break. The Secretary will issue the notices on May 1<sup>st</sup>. All were in agreement.

Per the Bylaws, new UAV officers are elected in May and assume their duties on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Fredricks recommended that the slate of nominees be presented in January with elections in January. This would mean that the Nominations Committee would be appointed in November. Motion to amend the Bylaws made by Mel Brody, seconded by Bo Bohach, motion carried. Chairman Fredricks will provide Bylaws Changes at the next UAV meeting; advance copy provided here:

There have been two changes agreed to by the membership that require bylaws changes. Those proposed bylaws changes are as follows:

#### ARTICLE VII. Meetings

Section 2. Change the section to read; "Normally, meetings will be held monthly from September through June on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 A.M. or as designated by the Chairman. There will normally be no meeting held in the months of July or August."

Section 3. Change the section to read; "The meeting in the month of January shall include the election of the UAV Officers and the Board of Directors, and will include the transaction of other business as proposed by the outgoing board."

#### ARTICLE VIII. Board of Directors

Section 2. Change the first sentence to read; "The elected officers and directors shall be nominated and elected by the membership at the January meeting."

ARTICLE IX. Officers. Change the section to read; "The elected officers shall be nominated and elected by the membership at the January meeting. Each elected officer shall take office after the election and during the January meeting or as soon thereafter as is possible."

#### ARTICLE X. Committees.

Section 3. Change the first sentence to read; "At least 60 days before the annual officer election meeting in January the Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least two regular members, who are not currently elected officers as described in ARTICLE IX above, to nominate candidates for the elected offices."

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**UAV Incorporation – Chairman Fredricks stated he is proceeding with the steps necessary to incorporate UAV. The first step is to file as a nonprofit organization with the Arizona Corporate Commission. The second step is to file as a tax exempt nonprofit organization with the IRS. Motion made by Webb Ellis, seconded by Dave Willis, motion carried.**

**UAV Telephone Number – UAV's telephone number has been that of Donna Adams' office at the State Dept of Veterans Services. A need is seen for a dedicated UAV telephone number. Chairman Fredericks announced that effective immediately Vice Chair Brody's home phone 480.473.9076 will be used for at least one year. This change is to avoid possible communications problems especially with the telephone number used on the 2009 Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Nomination Form. Vice Chair Brody's fax number is: 480.473.9077.**

**2. AZDVS – Bob Barnes, Deputy Director briefly shared his biography, he is USAF, Retired; 14 years as Service Officer and veteran's advocate in Louisiana; lifetime member of the VFW and member, American Legion.**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> was the groundbreaking ceremony of the Cavalry Soldiers Relocation Project at Fort Huachuca. Governor Napolitano; General John M. Custer III, Commanding General, Fort Huachuca; and COL Joey Strickland, Director AZDVS; participated. Deputy Barnes visited Dr. Shelton at the University of Arizona, home of the Veterans Education Transition Center and the Disability Resource Center helpful to veteran**

amputees and others. There are approximately 450 veterans enrolled at the UA campus. The new GI Bill to be implemented will include a \$1300 stipend.

A Governor's Roundtable including faith-based communities, VA, and AZDVS, is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> in Tucson.

### **3. UAV Legislative Committee – Linda Fulkerson**

The Copper Shield Award is a new award to recognize an Arizona legislator who has demonstrated outstanding support to Arizona veterans and their families. Linda reported that nomination forms have been distributed, and nominations are due 11/15/08. One nomination has been received so far. The Copper Shield Award will be presented on February 13, 2009, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Commemorative Air Force hangar, Falcon Field, Mesa. Nomination forms are available by contacting Linda at 480.833.9680, or email: [fulkers6@q.com](mailto:fulkers6@q.com)

4. National Memorial Cemetery – Wayne Ellis, Director, reported that recent vandalism cost under \$1,000 to repair. There is a “Raise and Realign” project going on at the Prescott National Memorial Cemetery. Seven to eight acres at the National Memorial Cemetery at Cave Creek are being realigned to increased capacity from 700 to 1,000 per acre. There was a veterans gathering at Window Rock; the Navajo Nation is interested in having a Memorial Cemetery on the reservation.

## **UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS**

A. Recognition of Camelback Jack at 94.5 KOOL: Due to Donna Adams' illness, Secretary Culbertson recommended that we re-schedule Camelback Jack's recognition for the December 6<sup>th</sup> UAV Meeting, as Donna would like to be present as the point of contact for this recognition. Camelback Jack's radio station manager will also be invited to attend.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. New UAV Mailing Address -- Secretary Culbertson was tasked by Chairman Fredericks to obtain a U.S. Post Office Box for UAV. UAV's new mailing address is:

**Unified Arizona Veterans/Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame**

**P.O. Box 34338**

**Phoenix, AZ 85067**

2. Participation of VFW, American Legion, and DAV at UAV Meetings – Bo Bohach suggested that we invite commanders of the VFW, American Legion, and DAV to

Speak briefly at UAV meetings and keep the information exchange alive and well.

**3. Military Hospitality Room at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, Terminal 2 – Vice Chair Brody** reported that he was contacted by a Hospitality Room volunteer that there were no funds to operate and the Hospitality Room was in danger of being closed down. Mel reported that he learned the Director Anne T. had not been paid for 3 months. Within 5 days, Mel secured funds to keep the Hospitality Room open for 2 months. Mel met with Mayor Gordon on this issue. While at the Mayor's Office, Mel asked about a larger Hospitality Room space at Terminal 4. The Mayor's quick reply was that there is no space right now at Terminal 4. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, an expected check from Triwest arrived (\$25,000). Mel stated there is a Foundation established as the fundraising arm for the Hospitality Room, however, no funds have been raised for the last 2 years.

**4. Update: Enduring Freedom Memorial - Linda Fulkerson**  
Linda, a member of the Southwest Asia Veterans Memorial Commission, recently volunteered to serve as Fundraising Chair for the final \$150,000 needed to complete the installation of the Memorial. Linda reported that the Fundraising Committee members are putting contact lists together and will be contacting corporations, small businesses, veterans organizations, etc. Vice Chair Brody suggested adding to the list, building trades companies such as McCarthy Construction.

**5. Proposition 200 Payday Loan Reform Bill – Chairman Fredricks** asked everyone to pay attention to Proposition 200. Passage of Prop 200 would allow exorbitant fees to be charged to military and other consumers who borrow against their next paycheck.

#### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.**

**1. Four members of the new AVHOF Class of 2008** were recognized and applauded: Lew Bradley, Bob Delker, Bernard Kaplan, and Art Sloane.

**2. National Veterans Service Fund – Bernard Kaplan** received a mailer from the National Veterans Service Fund. Bernard recommends that the mailer appears to be very suspicious, so word to the wise.

**3. State Fair, October 10 to November 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Sue Wudy needs volunteers to staff the booth, Sue's phone numbers are: 602.525.6209 and 602.277.4168.

**4. The 233<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Navy Birthday Ball is scheduled for Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in Tempe, 6 p.m. Contact Carol Culbertson to select your dinner entrees: [carolculbertson@earthlink.net](mailto:carolculbertson@earthlink.net) or 602.943.7834.**

**5. Reminder: October 24th Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2008 Induction Ceremony, El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium, gates open at 10:30 a.m., luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Lunch tickets are now on sale at: [www.avhof.org](http://www.avhof.org) or phone Jesse Gersten at: 480.802.0007.**

**6. A new flagpole will be installed at McGuireville, AZ on November 15.**

**7. There will be flag disposal at Sunland on November 15.**

**8. The American Veterans Traveling Tribute, formerly known as the Vietnam Wall, will be displayed in March 11-17, 2009 in Apache Junction.**

**9. 50/50 Raffle – Winner was Dick Collis, \$24; with \$24 given to Acting Treasurer Mel Brody.**

#### **CLOSING & ADJOURNMENT**

**A. The next UAV meeting will be held on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, 10 a.m. - Noon. The meeting room will be Liberty Hall, Second floor, AZ State Veterans Home – subject to confirmation.**

**B. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bohach.**

**C. The meeting was adjourned at 12 Noon with a closing salute to the flag.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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